



MONTHLY BIRD CENSUS 22 OCT 2006

CENSUS NUMBER TIME 08:15 – 12:45 CLOUD COVER 0% PRECIP NONE OPEN WATER ALL FOG NO WIND 0 - 5 MPH TEMP 38 - 55 SNOW COVER NONE

PARTICIPANTS: Barbara Petersen, Carol Stoner and Jeff Cohen (ponds)

Carol Schulz, Dick Koerker and Roger Orness (meadows)

SPECIES

1. Pied-billed Grebe 15	19	. Red-tailed Hawk 2	*4	37. Varied Thrush 1
2. Double-crested Cormorant 2	20	. Peregrine Falcon 1	*5	38. European Starling 181
3. Great Blue Heron 7	21	. American Coot 194		39. American Pipit 1 H *9
4. Cackling Goose 1 *1	1 22	. Greater Yellowlegs 2		40. Cedar Waxwing 24
5. Canada Goose 18	23	. Long-billed Dowitcher 1	*6	41. Yellow-rumped Warbler 31 *10
6. Wood Duck 1	24	. Belted Kingfisher 2 (1 M, 1	F)	42. Spotted Towhee 11
7. Gadwall 61	25	. Glaucous-winged Gull 9	* 7	43. Savanna Sparrow 21
8. American Wigeon 191		. Anna's Hummingbird 1		44. Fox Sparrow 5
9. Mallard 93	27	. Downy Woodpecker 1		45. Song Sparrow 55
10. Northern Shoveler 9	28	. Northern Flicker 6		46. Lincoln's Sparrow 19
11. Northern Pintail 4	29	. Steller's Jay 1 H	*8	47. White-crowned Sparrow 1
12. Green-winged Teal 11	30	. American Crow 13		48. Golden-crowned Sparrow 1
13. Ring-necked Duck 219	31	. Black-capped Chickadee 38	В	49. Dark-eyed Junco 11
14. Bufflehead 1		. Bushtit 10		50. Red-winged Blackbird 33
15. Hooded Merganser 4	33	. Bewick's Wren 12		51. Western Meadowlark 1 H *11
16. Ruddy Duck 4	34	. Marsh Wren 18		52. House Finch 12
17. Northern Harrier 3 *2	2 35	. Ruby-crowned Kinglet 22		53. American Goldfinch 12
18. Cooper's Hawk 2 *3	3 36	. American Robin 26		

NOTES

- *1 One cackler exited the ponds to the W. with a flock of 18 canadas, then followed 4 that broke off to the NE.
- *2 One adult male on W. meadow trail sign. Two HY (hatch year) females in various locations. See MORE Notes.
- *3 One male size adult on snag W. of lagoon. One HY male size juvenile mobbed by crows then on a N. snag.
- *4 One NW. adult on lagoon island snag. One SW. adult early on power tower 1, later mobbed by crows in far W.
- *5 One HY Peale's race perched on a N. snag, then later seen exiting the site over the S. power line trail to SE.
- *6 The dowitcher was located in the constructed wetlands from the newly cut viewpoint NW. of the E. mound.
- *7 Included in the total was a Glaucous-winged X Western Gull (hybrid) on the lagoon.
- *8 First heard then seen exiting the site W. from the nursery arboretum toward the river.
- *9 The pipit was a low unseen fly over and heard from the start of the SW. meadow trail.
- *10 The warblers were estimated to be equally split between Myrtle's and Audubon's race.
- *11 A meadowlark was heard from the S. power line trail coming from the area just NE. of the nursery.

MORE NOTES

No owls were seen at Anderson Park and the Russell Road nest box was not checked.

This month both teams were provided with new viewing areas, adding approximately 30 minutes to the count.

After one HY female was seen on a root ball along the meadow service road, the meadows team saw a similar juvenile struggling on the water level vegetation at the far S. end of the lagoon. The harrier appeared to have either a prey too heavy to lift off, or trapped by a talon. Several minutes later a second juvenile female flew by. At one point the downed juvenile was motionless with only eye movement seen. Later the hawk was not seen and presumed to be gone and one juvenile was flying over the same area. Rescue would have been difficult.